

# How to “Break Down” a Scripture - Part 4

- I. **Look for what the passage is actually saying rather than what you would like for it to say.**
  - 1. Do not study with a hope of confirming or proving already drawn conclusions.
  - 2. In studying the Old Testament, ask yourself this all important question: “What can I learn from this passage that will help me be a better New Testament Christian this side of the cross?”
  - 3. Write down the ideas that come to you from the passage.
  - 4. Be open to other passages, Bible stories, etc. that some of those thoughts may lead you to.
  - 5. Take sufficient time to reflect on the passage. A hurried mind and a hurried schedule will leave much of the passage behind.
- J. **Determine what you can learn from the passage that will:**
  - 1. Help you grow spiritually by increasing your knowledge.
  - 2. Enable you to be able to share with others in order to help them.

